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10. Decides to consider this matter at its fortieth session with high priority under the agenda item entitled "The right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation".

1983/8. The right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation - Question of East Timor 24/

The Commission on Human Rights

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of East Timor to self-determination and independence, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960;

2. Declares that the people of East Timor must be enabled freely to determine their own future on the basis of the relevant General Assembly resolutions and the relevant United Nations human rights instruments;

3. Calls upon all interested parties, namely, Portugal, as the administering Power, and the representatives of the people of East Timor, as well as Indonesia, to co-operate fully with the United Nations with a view to guaranteeing the free and full exercise of the right to self-determination by the people of East Timor;

4. Expresses its deepest concern at the suffering of the people of East Timor as a result of the situation now prevailing in the Territory;

5. Calls upon all parties concerned to facilitate the entry into the Territory of international aid to alleviate the suffering of the people of East Timor.

1983/9. Violations of human rights in southern Africa: report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts 25/

The Commission on Human Rights,

Recalling its resolution 2 (XXIII), by which it set up the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on southern Africa, and its resolutions 21 (XXV), 7 (XXVII), 8 (XXIX), 5 (XXXI), 6 (XXXIII), 12 (XXXV), 5 (XXXVII) and 1982/8, by which it extended and broadened the terms of reference of that Group,

Recalling Security Council resolution 527 (1982), in which the Council strongly condemned the apartheid regime of South Africa for its premeditated aggressive act against Lesotho, and various General Assembly resolutions which have condemned South Africa for aggressive acts against other neighbouring countries such as Angola and Mozambique,

Conscious of the value of the reports of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in the efforts of the United Nations to expose and combat the repeated denials and gross violations of human rights in South Africa and Namibia,

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24/ Adopted at the 23rd meeting, on 16 February 1983, by a roll-call vote of 24 to 14, with 10 abstentions. See chap. VII.

25/ Adopted at the 28th meeting, on 18 February 1983, by a roll-call vote of 38 to none. See chap. IV.